New coal reserve areas in Orissa

5825. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have found new areas having coal reserves in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of coal reserves in those new coalfields; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (d) Geological Survey of India (GSI), engaged in regional exploration of coal in the country, have established the following potential blocks with estimated reserves indicated against each in the virgin tracts of Talcher & lb-River coalfields in Orissa:

(in million tonnes)

		Reserves
Coalfield	Block	
Talcher	Kasala North	540
	Kasala South	2220
	Chendipada	6100
	Chendipada (West) & Patrapara	1520
	North of Akhrapal	1300
lb-River	Gopalpur	7780
	Kulda-Manaharpur	3600
	Kulda-Manaharpur (East)	2540
	Beldih	150

People displaced due to acquisition of land by Coal Companies

5826. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people displaced in different States due to acquisition of their land by coal companies:

(b) the steps taken by the coal companies to rehabilitate those people; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As per information furnished by Coal India Limited (CIL), following are the State-wise details of families who have been displaced from their dwellings (upto March, 95) due to acquisition of their land by the coal companies:

State	No. of families displaced
West Bengal	52
Bihar	1514
Maharashtra	1438
Madhya Pradesh	2096
Uttar Pradesh	646
Orissa	137

(b) and (c) Rehabilitation of the ous-tees is done by the coal companies on the basis of rehabilitation package issued by the Government under circular No. 49019/4/86-CP/LSW dated 19-10-90. This package provides for:

(i) To the extent new employment opportunities get created in the project in unskilled and semi-skilled categories, these shall be reserved entirely for the land oustee families.

(ii) Suitable vocational training facilities would be provided to the land losers to upgrade their skills for employment in other categories of jobs in the project on a preferential basis.

(iii) Alternative house sites with suitable infrastructure will be provided to all evictee families. Each evictee family would be paid shifting allowance upto Rs. 2000/- and lump sum grant of Rs. 5000/- towards housing.

(iv) Cash compensation for the land to be acquired will be deposited with the district administration in advance so that there is no delay in payment of compensation to the land owing displaced families.